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Five vessels were inspected and passed. The Spanish steamship *Isla de Panay* from Havana, Colon, Sabanilla, Puerto Cabello, and La Guayra, was held in quarantine. She brought no passengers or cargo for Ponce, only touching here for passengers and cargo for Europe. Eight bills of health were issued.

Since my last report, 31 new cases of smallpox were reported, making a total of 67 cases and 1 death. Twenty-one have recovered leaving 44 cases now in quarantine.

Every physician is required to report all cases of sickness, and any suspicious ones are looked into. Considerable vaccination is being done, and funds for the isolation camp and other expenses are being subscribed by the merchants. Work is to begin to-day, and it will soon be ready for use.

With the more active measures now being put into force, there should be a diminution of the cases and a final end of the epidemic.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Inspection of immigrants at San Juan during the week ended February 23, 1901.*

SAN JUAN, P. R., *February 26, 1901.*

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended February 23, 1901:

Date.	Vessel.	Where from.	No. of immigrants.
Feb. 19	Provisional flag steamship Julia.....	Cuba, Santo Domingo, Ponce, and Mayaguez, P. R.	9
Do....	Spanish steamship <i>Isla de Panay</i> .....	Havana, Colon, Sabanilla, Puerto Cabello, La Guayra, and Ponce, P. R.	10
	Total .....		19

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,

*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,  
Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

RUSSIA.

*Report from London on plague in Southeastern Russia.*

LONDON, ENGLAND, *February 23, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to forward the following statement regarding plague in Southeastern Russia received from the United States consul at Moscow:

At the present time it is considered that this epidemic has been entirely checked in the inhabited portions of the Astrakhan and Uralsk districts in the southeastern parts of European Russia; still 32 special squads are searching the prairie where the Kerghees tribes are settled. These tribes are about half wild. They breed horses for the market, also cattle.